

### REMARKS

Applicants are amending the specification to place it in a better U.S. application format by removing non-U.S. headings and replacing them with U.S. type application headings and making the brief description of the drawings consistent with the drawings as filed.

Applicants are amending the claims to remove the multiple dependencies therein..

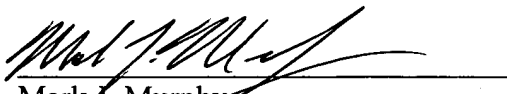
No new matter has been added. Accordingly, it is requested that this amendment be entered.

If any fee should be due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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